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SUBJECT: EUROPEAN CHIEFS OF MISSION MEETING

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1. I TAKE IT THAT YOU DESIRE FROM ME SOME GENERAL
OBSERVATIONS ABOUT THE NATURE OF OUR BILATERAL RELA-
TIONS WITH A MAJOR EUROPEAN POWER SUCH AS THE FRG,
AT LEAST SOME OF WHICH WOULD BE APPLICABLE TO THE
OTHER MAJOR EUROPEAN POWERS, AND NOT A MERE CATALOGUE OF
SPECIFIC CURRENT PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE US AND FRG. ON
THIS ASSUMPTION, I WOULD PROPOSE TO DEVELOP THE

FOLLOWING MAIN THEMES:

1. THERE WILL BE A CONTINUED NEED FOR BILATERAL
DIPLOMACY EVEN UNDER CONDITIONS OF GROWING EUROPEAN
MULTILATERALISM. IN MOST AREAS AND FOR THE FORESEEABLE
FUTURE EUROPE WILL BE SPEAKING WITH A SINGLE VOICE ONLY
AFTER A PROCESS OF INTERNAL POLICY FORMULATION WITHIN
THE COMMUNITY, OR IN OTHER FORA, INVOLVING NEGOTIATIONS
ON THE BASIS OF NATIONAL POSITIONS.

2. THIS MEANS, AS FAR AS BONN IS CONCERNED, THAT
THE LARGE IDENTITY OF INTERESTS BETWEEN THE US AND FRG
IN SPECIFIC PROBLEM AREAS, MAKES THE LATTER A USEFUL
ADVOCATE WITHIN THE COMMUNITY AND OTHER MULTILATERAL
BODIES OF VIEWS CONSONANT WITH OUR INTERESTS.

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3. THERE IS A LIMIT, HOWEVER, TO HOW FAR WE CAN
PUSH THE GERMANS INTO BEING A STALKING HORSE FOR OUR
INTERESTS. HERE THE POINTS IN PARAGRAPHS 3, 4 AND 9 OF
MY ASSESSMENT OF CURRENT US-FRG RELATIONS (BONN 14601)

ARE PERTINENT.

4. IF TIME PERMITS, I MIGHT ADD SOME THOUGHTS ON THE
KINDS OF POLITICAL, INTELLECTUAL AND GENERATIONAL
TRENDS IN GERMANY WHICH WILL TEND TO BURDEN OUR BI-
LATERAL RELATIONS IN THE YEARS TO COME.
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